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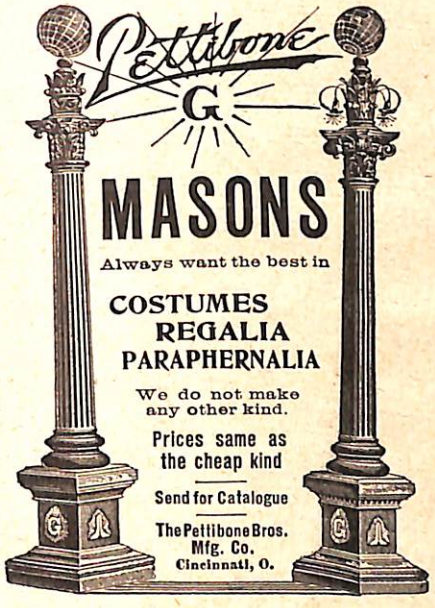

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Past Potentate.

WLLL N. DEARBORN,

Stone City, Iowa.

Here's to our "Willie" who has as gracefully retired to the "Advisory Divan" as though he were born to that greatness. Will N. Dearborn is a working Freemason in all its degrees, one of the kind who "Many a time pumped the hand car" five miles to town and back to attend Lodge. He is a Past Officer in all the bodies of Anamosa and has made a good Potentate for El-Kahir. He will be in attendance at all the regular and special Meetings of his Temple and he's one of these boys who, when a "brother" reaches a hard place, always gives him a lift.

Will Dearborn will always have hosts of friends.

Among the Lodges.

HERE'S A GOOD THING.

Over in Englewood the Masonic Fraternity have a "Masonic Relief Association" that *Relieves.*

Six years ago a few members of the "bodies" formed a little organization to create an "emergency fund," for the benefit of the widow, or family of a deceased member. Since then sixteen "Funds" have been paid to widows the first being $135.00 and the last $225.00. Its a good thing and worth the attention of Craftsmen everywhere. Membership is restricted to members of the Englewood bodies hence it is limited in its sphere. Any community might have a similar adjunct.

In Iowa, there is a Society having the same end in view and any Craftsman interested can find out all about it by writing the Editor.

A great many friends of T. S. Parvin in his life-time, will be gratified to know that the estate will collect the contested life insurance claim, which, with interest, amounts to $7,900. The policy was for $7,500, in the old Northwestern Masonic Aid Association, on which the venerable brother paid assessments for some twenty years; then the association passed into other hands, and the assessments of $72.25 were raised to $544.65. This was refused and the case went into court, where it was pending when Brother Parvin died.—*Constellation.*

Members of the Masonic fraternity in Sioux City are discussing the proposition of erection a five or six story modern building for a home for the order in Sioux City, the same to cost from $60,000 to $75,000.

Carroll, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The Masons of Carroll are going to build a temple, and the fair which started Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, netted them between four and five hundred dollars.—*Masonic Observer.*

Down in Argentine the Grand Lodge has decided to buy the flag of every Nation wherein there is a Masonic Grand Body.

From the *Gazette* we learn that P. G. M. Lininger of Omaha is presenting a real Mummy to the Grand Lodge Library, and when Lininger does anything its real. Lininger has a large Art collection but no museum to speak of.

The bodies at Davenport are giving a series of "Winter Nights" entertainments for the benefit of their people which we are told are most successful.

If the story should leak out to others as it did to us, some quite forward people who were at Dubuque Grand Lodge Meeting would use more "caution" and less gall. "Thats the Warning Sign"

The Royal Arch.

OH, WE DONT KNOW!

The American *Tyler* takes exception to recent action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois and says:

"At the recent convocation of the grand chapter, R. A. M., of Illinois, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That this grand Royal Arch chapter does hereby declare that the great lights of Royal Arch Masonry, which are hereby ordered to be displayed in every chapter in the obedience of this grand chapter,shall consist of the Holy Bible, square,compasses andequilateral triangle."

We are not aware that the grand chapter has any precedent for such action, nor any power to make such a resolution effective. It has always been our impresion that the great lights of Masonry were three, only and unchangeable. We did not know that any grand body of any description had any authority to add to or subtract from them. If we are wrong, we shall be glad to be informed whence the grand chapter of Illinois derives this power of addition which we believe it has unwarrantably assumed."

We don't see why the *Tyler* need go into a "state of mind over a Grand Chapter" calling what it deems best "the three great lights," that has nothing to do with the three great lights of Masonry whatever.

Under the leadership of High Priest Forbes, the Chapter at Marshalltown ealted about 36 Companions the last year. Who beats that?

Commanderies.

The Grand Commander calls the attention of Iowa fraters and commanderies to the fact that a new wing of forty-four rooms is being erected to the "apartment building," and that those who want rooms must apply early to Sir Knight William Welden, G. G., Iowa Falls, Iowa. While they are building let the trustees add protection from fire by putting in some other illuminating material than kerosene.

Apollo Commandery of this city held the usual Christmas observance on the morning of December 25th, last.

Patmos Commandery, No. 27, Marion, installed with "refreshments" Dec. 20th.

The Eastern Star.

The Marion Chapter 183, united with the Royal Arch Masons in a public installation of officers December 24th.

Members of the Rite will learn with regret that Beuren R. Sherman, inspector general for Iowa S. M. J., is critically injured by a fall at Vinton.

At the regular meeting of Cedar Chapter No. 184, O. E. S., held Dec. 23rd, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Thos. Farmer; Worthy Patron, Hugh Ross; Associate Matron, Mrs. A. H. Gough; Treasurer, Mrs. M. W. Carpenter; Secretary, A. H. Gough; Conductress, Mrs. E. N. Helm; Associate Conductress, Mrs. W. H. Curtis.

MEETING OR COMMUNICATION?

Just when we are getting sort of used to the Iowa straddle of accepting a convention of our lodges as "communications" and we've fooled ourselves into believing that our custodians knew which was the other and which was real old york right —now come these Jeans from Indiana and overset the whole thing by accepting that "under no circumstances should a meeting be called a communication." Grand Master Hyram! I guess that settles it and it reminds us of the old cooper who settled a discussion over a vessel lying on its side in his shop—whether it was "barrell" or "barl", by saying its neither of 'em, its a "kag."

REAL MASONIC RELIEF.

In Englewood, Ill. there is a real Masonic Relief Association, not a charity, but a co-operative one.

Each participant begins his membership by paying $2 to this fund. When a death occurs he is requested to remit another $1. The Lodge, Chapter and Commandery pay the expenses of corespondence. No salaries are paid. Sixteen deaths have occurred in the past six years. The first received $135.00 and the highest paid was $228.00. According to this it has cost an average of less than $4 per year to maintain a fund sure to pay now more than $200.00 as a funeral benefit in case of death. Our readers may think this cannot be beaten but we know a similar fund, not in a Masonic body; but controlled by Masons where the average expense has been less than $2.00 per year and the maximum aimed at is to pay a benefit of not less then $250.00 nor more than $500.00.

OUR DUBUQUE LETTER.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, Jan. 13, 1903.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Editor, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

DEAR SIR AND NOBLE:—Dubuque No. 3, Metropolis No. 49, and Mosaic No. 125, celebrated St. John's Day. Installation of officers and banquet served by the Sisters of Julian Chapter No. 125 O. E. S. It was a grand affair, fine decorations and spread. The Worthy Matron, Sister Alice Brown, deserves great credit in bringing our home Chapter to the front. Two days later (Monday) installation in Siloam Commandery No. 3, Dubuque Council No. 3, and Dubuque Chapter No. 3, C. B. Trewin acting Grand Commander; R. Merriam, Grand Marshal. C. W. Walton, the retiring E. Commander, deserves great credit for having made an enviable record the past year and bringing Siloam Commandery No. 3 well nigh the front in point of ritual and drill. Truly yours,

R. HERRMANN.

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, JAN., 1903.

Now the "annual" member will hibernate.

Then the ubiquitous member will fall into his old trick of talk, talk, talk!

Always, the uninstructed candidate will imagine that its all part of the "work."

Beyond the end will there come a time some day when some people will dry up, die, or stay away.

What an occasion when some Masters conduct a lap banquet, and "ball up" the assembled "napkin ring" with impromptu calls for a "few words."

Ohio quietly dropped the requirement of 1901, that a visitor must have a receipt for the past year's dues, or a demit less than a year old to be admitted. Masonry needs no such law YET.

Don't ever think that while people *not Masons* are employed where *none but Masons ought ever to have such opportunity to carry information to the outside world* that things won't keep brewing.

Bye and bye the Brother from Vermont will jangle over "heow they dew it deawn yeast!

Dr. T. B. Lacey, Council Bluffs, generally active in Masonry, has been appointed division surgeon of the Illinois Central railroad.

Let no person find fault that we have admitted the Ancient Craftsmen of Tyre and Egypt to our columns. We have now not so many different heads as some of our exchanges, not by half a dozen.

About as needless an expense as can well be imagined is to get a steel engraving of a grand officer for the proceedings of the grand body, when a half-tone is equally fine and costs but a few dollars.

ALWAYS A MASON.

There is in Masonry to a Mason, always that high privilege that having once assumed its vows, cannot, need not, be set aside while conscious life lasts; always a Mason.

With truth upon the lips, no poor or penniless state can be reached where the helping hand of its Charity will not reach one always a Mason.

Even though, through poverty and misfortune, such an one were suspended from the rights and privileges of his lodge yet, would he find helping hands ever ready to give him temporary aid. Alone in the world, friendless he cannot be, for the sentimental restrictions of jurisdictions are only of weight like the declamations of the sects, and are not really demnatory individually, to one who is always a Mason.

In the high day of prosperity it need not remove a man from the sympathy of his brothers and fellows if he be always a Mason.

In old age, none of the stately Comforts of the Craft at labor need be lost, if in sweet old manhood one be always a Mason.

In fact to one truly conscious of the symbolic intent of his points of entrance there need to be no occasion, no event, no climax, in which he does not have the independence of being blest beyond his due in that he may be always a Mason.

The Mystic Shrine.

This journal is sent to every Recorder in the Order, for which there is no charge. Any interest they may take will be appreciated. JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.

TIMELY REMINDER.

Just before the holidays the Imperial Potentate issued an *irade* in which the article from the Masonic Standard as follows was quoted:

"Why have the Shriners acquired such an unenviable reputation for inebriety? From our personal association with the Shriners, we believe them to be no more addicted to conviviality than the average run of respectable citizens. Then whence the reputation? Probably it is due chiefly to the silly notices sent out by the Recorders of some Temples, notices that induce the idea that the wearers of the fez are a lot of irresponsible bummers and Indians. It is time for mature Shriners to discourage this damaging form of idiocy. Shriners understand that these references which are so objectionable are meant for a joke, along with the other extravagant utterances of these Shrine circulars, but the public judges us upon the principle that 'from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.'"

And Noble Akin exhibits the refined nature in calling attention to the abuses that may be so easily remedied.

One Recorder recognizes the dignified prerequisites to this Order and holds with the Immortal Ellison of Mother Mecca that the notices should be plain, respectable and oriental.

HE SLEEPS IN A MASON'S GRAVE.

While it is true, as reported by the *Clinton Age*, and reprinted by the *Gazette*, that Henry Vaughn, formerly an engineer on the B., C. R. & N., died in the hospital of Cook County at Dunning, Ill., it is also true that by prompt response of El Kahir Temple officers his body rests in grave No. 1824, block No. 4 in Mount Olive cemetery. It is also true that Bro. J. W. Downey, S. W., of Golden Rule Lodge, 726, of Chicago, Ill., conducted the Masonic funeral ceremonies at the grave so that our noble Brother has to his memory no feature nor ghostly aparition in his sleep not paid for by the Temple to which he belonged.

We find at this writing that the following Temples have changed Recorders:

ALMAS.—Geo. H. Walker becomes Grand Master of Masons and Harrison Dingman becomes Recorder.

MOROCCO.—Wilber P. Webster succeeds Wm. Lounsdell.

ISLAM.—J. W. Anderson vice H. T. Graves.

SESOSTRIS.—C. W. Kraft vice A. E. Moeller.

MECCA elects Charles H. Heyzer Potentate and Dr. S. R. Ellison (re) Recorder; Geo. W. Millar, C. A. Benedict, James McGee and Charles H. Heyser Representatives. Mecca has 4,715 Nobles; an income of $33,802.55; outlay $29,933.38; has cash on hand $17,406.38. The present Potentate was High Priest for twenty-seven years.

AFIFI, Tacoma, Wash.—The election of all Seattle officers, but one (R. A. Ketner, Tacoma, Recorder), is the cause of differing reports from the Pacific Mason and the Masonic Review. The former leads us to infer that it was earned honors, but the latter says it was Seattle out in force with a printed ticket.

GIZEH, Victoria, B. C., was instituted December 18th, R. E. Bratt, Potentate; Edward E. Leason, Recorder. Bon voyage!

MECCA—mamma—took 302 weary sons of the desert across in her November meeting, and yet they say the day for big classes is over. In its last two sessions, says the Standard, Mecca has added 540 members.

If Masonic standing is prerequisite to Chapter and Commandery standing, then its right of California to decide that having *sat* in Chapter or Commandery one can vouch for the other in lodge.

If Za-Ga-Zig Temple never does another lick from now on (but they will), they have won an enviable place on the rolls of fame by the *modus charite* they pursued towards the poor on Christmas. Over three hundred baskets, in which, to use Charley Austin's words, were: 1 three-pound chicken; 1 pound butter; 1

pound coffee; 1 can tomatoes; 1 can peas; 1 quart cranberries, 1 peck potatoes, ½ peck sweet potatoes; 1 loaf bread; 1 pound of candy. It would have made any Shriner's heart glad to know the report of the Nobles who distributed these baskets. All hail to Za-Ga-Zig and her devotion to charity.

The request of the Grand Master of Colorado, to the craft to keep out of the Shrine, reminds us of the little girl who was told to say, when temptation assailed her, "Get thee behind me Satan." Soon she erred. When asked why she did not say the strong words, said: "I did, but he pushed me right in!"

"Oh, fee,
Oh, fi;
Oh, fo?
Oh, fun!
I smell the blood of an Englishman!"

Scottish Rite.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

We have been frequently asked what the qualifications for this order are. We give the following quotation from the *Masonic Journal:*

"The necessary qualifications for one to be elegible to membership in the Royal Order of Scotland in the United States, he must be a Master Mason in good standing and also a Royal Arch Mason of the York Rite, or, failing in that, he must have received the 18th degree of the Scottish Rite, which by law of the Grand Lodge of Edinburgh is the equivalent of the Royal degree."

With the list of their officers Registrar Coleman of Des Moines sends us a small half-tone picture of the class in which Governor Cummins and Attorney General Mullin were candidates. We hope to give the cut in a later number.

The bodies of this Rite at Buffalo keep up their record for activity and Bro. C. E. Markham is a good Registrar.

A Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons was constituted in Honolulu Nov. 8 under S. M. J. They now have all the bodies of the Rite.

The following dates are of interest to our readers who belong to the Rite in Des Moines or who want to visit there.

Regular Conclave, Des M. Con., Jan. 28th.

Election of officers, Tabernacle Lodge, March 4, 1903.

Emmanuel Chapter, extinguishing lights, April 9, 1903.

Emmanuel Chapter, relighting (Easter), April 12, 1903.

Balloting for candidates, 14th degree, April 15, 1903.

Election of officers, Emmanuel Chapter, April 15, 1903.

Election in Tyrus Council June 24, 1903.

Election of officers in Consistory Dec. 30, 1903.

Recorders' Association
of the Mystic Shrine for North America.

H. M. Myers, Minneapolis, Minn., President.
Jno. W. Geiger, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Secretary-Treasurer.
Meets where Imperial Council meets annually.
Next meeting Saratoga Springs, N. Y., July 8, 1903.

RECORDER'S ASSOCIATION.

An Inquiry.

Inquirer is anxious to have a correct list of the ancient Egyptian months as they were named in the days of the ancient "dynasties." Answer through this department.

Up to the time of going to press we have *one* letter from a Recorder commending our course in making this department the representative of the association. Where are the rest of ye's?

As our exchanges reach us for January most, but not all, of the Recorders appear on the lists for 1903. Those who do not don't want to forget this association.

Will all Recorders, old and new, please notice the fact that this paper is voluntarily the medium of communication between us and act accordingly.

We all favor the continuance of our "earlier intimacy and friendship," hence the proposition to make it an association of Recorders and ex-Recorders; for that reason this number will go to you all until the next meeting of the association.

The Secretary would like a sample of each Temple's passport for 1903 to prepare in scrap-book form to take to the meeting at Saratogo. This does not include a few already sent me as Recorder of a Temple. Now ship.

It's now up to the Recorders and ex-Recorders to enroll themselves as members of this association, and we want them to give us their opinions as well.

The President has placed a large bundle of letters in the Secretary's hands to read, and a circular letter will be sent to those Nobles soon. Maybe to all of you.

The Ancient Craftsmen of Tyre and Egypt.

This Order holds no other attainment among men as prerequisite to its degrees except those moral standards accepted by our times. It stands for silence, secrecy, benevoience, fraternity and co-operation. Its degrees are founded upon defined principles and usages handed down from the past.

THE LIGHT FROM THE ORIENT.

One of the peculiar characteristics of the Ancient Phœnicians, founders of architecture, pioneers of marine, and intrepid colonizers, was ever to *travel toward the west.*

In the far early days of their ascendancy, when kings hired their skilled workmen, or employed their fearless sailors, it became evident that some mode of integrity must be provided whereby the secrets of their art as well as the safety of their person might be assured.

It was determined in the Royal Council that no less a person than the king himself should be the absolute head of the craft, that he with the advice of a council which he should call, might direct and control the actions of all members of the Order wherever dispersed. The emissaries of the Order were intrusted with secret instructions and sent wherever a subject of the ancient kingdom might be found. Through the cycles of time this body of people became involved in the disintegrating influences that made of a once powerful nation scattered colonies and pioneer cities. The Order itself was by these conditions changed and its methods modified. Instead of the head of government being the head, one selected by his fellow councillors was raised to the place of Sovereign Master, and he then was endowed with the royal decrees by which the mysteries were to be held intact.

To some one was always to be intrusted the instructions whereby the integrity of the Order might continue. Though claiming no national affinity with the Phœnicians, it was customary to confer the Order upon those whose skill, devotion or co-operation made them especial objects of the Sovereign Master's favor. The ravages of the Roman wars served to scatter the Ancient Craftsmen far and wide upon the earth. The colonies of the conquerors became a new field of usefulness to them and the class theories of Imperial Rome, drove these subjected peoples into closer fellowship. The Christian era opened a greater tolerance but did not serve to unseal the close-locked scrolls of the guilds of the craft.

So widely diffused were the branches of this secret society that each particular trade or occupation in which apprenticeship was required, had its own organization.

(To be continued next month.)

Fraternities.

One on the most beautiful customs of the Order of Elks is their memorial day on the first Sunday in December of each year. It was our privilege to attend this year with the lodge of Dubuque, of which Bro. J. W. Patterson, formerly of Marion, is Exalted Ruler.

DOWN WITH GRAVEYARD INSURANCE.

Recommendations of Gov. Durbin.

Governor Durbin, in his message to the Indiana general assembly. His recommendations affecting insurance interests were to amend the assessment law, to prohibit graveyard insurance and to make it a penal offense to solicit insurance for unauthorized companies.

Marion Chapter No. 10, in conjunction with the O. E. S. had a public installation Dec. 24th.

General Directory.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.

Waterloo, June 2, 1903.

W. S. GARDNER.....Clinton.....GRAND MASTER
N. R. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretray

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.), Little Rock, Ark., 1903,
Iowa, Oskaloosa, September, 1903.
I. P. WILSON.....Burlington.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

ASSEMBLIES, R. & S. M.

General Grand (U. S.)
Iowa, Iowa, City, Oct. 10, 1903.
F. W. CRAIG.....Des Moines..... M. P. G. M
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, San Francisco, Cal., 1904.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July, 1903.
F. W. CRAIG.....DesMoines.....GRAND COMMANDER
D. M. BROWNLEE.Sioux City.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.) Sept. 27, 1904.
Iowa City, Oct. 1903.
JANE WEBBER.....Cherokee.....GRAND MATRON
W. H. Wray.....Oskaloosa.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Secretary

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Saratoga, N. Y., July 8, 1903.
HENRY C. AKIN, Omaha, Neb., IMP. POTENTATE.
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

C. P. EMERSON.....{ Cedar Rapids } ...POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger...{ } .....Recorder

MEETINGS AT HOME.

Second Wednesday of each month.

SCOTTISH RITE.

DES MOINES.

FRANCIS A. BROWN, 32°.....Venerable Master
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M. McFARDAND, 32°.....Preceptor
FLETCHER HOWARD, 32°.....Master of Kadosh
R. M. J. COLEMAN, 33°.....Registrar of all the bodies

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LOUIS MOESZINGER.....Wise Master
FRED E. BACHELDER.....Preceptor
L. C. EASTMAN.....Master of Kadosh
E. A. WADLEIGH.....Registrar all four bodies

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FREDERICK M. BILLS.....Preceptor
WILLIAM S. ONDERDONK.....Master of Kodash
CORNELIUS J. BROWN.....Registrar of all the bodies

CEDAR RAPIDS.

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FRANCIS M. HALL.....Wise Master
GEORGE WOLTZ BEVER.....Preceptor
NEWTON RAY PARVIN.....Master of Kodash
CALVIN G. GREENE.....Registrar of all the bodies

DISAFFECTED FORESTERS FORM A NEW ORDER.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 29.—It has just become known that at a secret meeting of delegates from lodges of the Ancient Order of Foresters in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah, in session for several days past, a new organization of Foresters was formed under the title of the Modern Order of Foresters. It was thought the disaffected element in the order in this section had been pacified through the visit west of High Chief Ranger Hays, of the Atlantic division, several months ago, and the announcement of the formation of the new body came as the explosion of a bombshell in the camp of the old members. The new order movement will be more particularly advanced in the western states.—*Gazette.*

THE FIRST TOAST.

Over in Harry Collins' country, (Canada) the "Masonic Sun" holds that a toast to "The Holy Pontiff" should not have preceded that to "The King," and in this it is right, since in the British Empire, "The King," is presented at all Masonic functions; but in the United States, no civil or religious leader has the least claim to precedence over the humblest Brother Master Mason and we don't know but that the Duke of Kent was right when he said "there are no Royal Highnesses here."

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